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(CHAPTER I OR CHAPTER II)
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(PCT Rules 44bis.3(c) and 72.2)

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International application No. PCT/JP2005/003782	International filing date (day/month/year) 04 March 2005 (04.03.2005)
Applicant RIKEN et al	

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.

- The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).
- The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II).

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference RF-H161055053	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/JP2005/003782	International filing date (day/month/year) 04 March 2005 (04.03.2005)	Priority date (day/month/year) 04 March 2004 (04.03.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant RIKEN			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis.2).

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

		Date of mailing (day/month/year)
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC		
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1b(a)(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.
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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material

a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
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 in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing

contained in the international application as filed.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.I(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement																			
<p>1. Statement</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Novelty (N)</td> <td style="width: 60%;">Claims <u>1-8</u></td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims _____</td> <td style="text-align: right;">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inventive step (IS)</td> <td>Claims <u>3, 6-8</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims <u>1, 2, 4, 5</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial applicability (IA)</td> <td>Claims <u>1-8</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims _____</td> <td style="text-align: right;">NO</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>(Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5) The subject matters of claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 (JP, 35-13242, B1 (Montecatini Societa General pel Landustoria Mineraria et Chimica), 13 April, 1960 (13.04.60), claims).</p> <p>A person skilled in the art could have easily applied a process for producing an isotactic polybutadiene described in document 1 to the polymerization of a polyisoprene which is the same conjugated diene so as to obtain an isotactic polyisoprene.</p> <p>(Claims 3 and 6-8) The subject matters of claims 3 and 6-8 appear to be novel, to involve an inventive step, and to be industrially applicable.</p> <p>None of the documents cited in the ISR describes or suggests obtaining (1) an isotactic polyisoprene having 99 % or higher isotacticity, and (2) an isotactic polyisoprene by polymerizing an isoprene in the presence of a polymerization catalyst comprising a complex represented by the general formula (A).</p>			Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES		Claims _____	NO	Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>3, 6-8</u>	YES		Claims <u>1, 2, 4, 5</u>	NO	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES		Claims _____	NO
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